



1-149th ARB Overview

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1-149th ARB Deployment Summary

2002-2014



- **SFOR-13: Tuzla, Bosnia (February 2003 – September 2003)**
 - Deployed an Attack Company (8 X AH-64A) and Maintenance Slice (78 PAX)
 - Served under 1-108th AVN as part of a Task Force, tasked by 35th ID
- **SFOR-14: Tuzla, Bosnia (September 2003 – April 2004)**
 - Served as Aviation Task Force Headquarters, tasked by 34th ID
 - Deployed BN HQ with Attack, Assault, MEDEVAC, and Maintenance Companies
 - Task Organized with 8 X AH-64A, 8 X UH-60L, and UH-60 MEDEVAC Team
- **OIF 06-08: Balad, Iraq (August 2006 - July 2006)**
 - Deployed Battalion (24 X AH-64A) (TX, MS & MO 411 PAX)
 - Served under 36th CAB, tasked by MNC-Iraq
 - Over 18,000 combat flying hours, 2,400 missions
- **OEF 13: Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan (March 2013 - November 2013)**
 - Deployed an Attack Company (8 X AH-64D) (35 PAX)
 - Served under 3rd CAB, then later 1st CAB
 - Over 2,500 combat flying hours, 700 missions





Stateside Training and Operations

(not including Annual Training or Deployment events)

- **Multi-Component and Combined Arms Training and Operations**
 - **US Special Operations Command – Operation Jaded Thunder (2008)**
 - ✓ Deployed to Avon Park, Florida in support of SOCOM training requirements
 - ✓ Conducted JAAT (Joint Air Attack Team) training with JTAC (Joint Terminal Attack Controller) personnel
 - **US Army, 75th Fires Brigade – Operation Diamond Freeze (2011)**
 - ✓ Deployed to Fort Sill in support of 75th Fires Brigade (Active Duty)
 - ✓ Conducted Call-for-Fire, Close Combat Attack, Close Air Support/Joint Air Attack Team training
 - ✓ Conducted TACP (Tactical Air Control Party) 9-Line training with US Army and USMC controller
 - ✓ Conducted extensive live-fire training with US Army Forward Observers
 - **Support for Title-10 Active Component Over-Water Training (2012-2013)**
 - ✓ Houston AASF supported the 4-501st ARB from Fort Bliss when deploying to Kuwait ISO 36th CAB TXARNG
 - ✓ Houston AASF supported the 4-227th ARB from Fort Hood when deploying to Kuwait ISO 36th CAB TXARNG
- **Inter-Service Training and Operations**
 - **US Navy Joint-SHIP Operations (2001)**
 - ✓ TXARNG contingent consisted of AH-64, UH-60 and CH-47 aircraft, crews and staff supported US Navy testing
 - ✓ 1-149th ARB operated AH-64A helicopters from USS Tarawa and other US Navy vessels
 - ✓ Conducted proof-of-concept activities for Army Aviation sea-based operations
 - **US Air Force, Texas Air National Guard – Operation Texas Red Flag (2011, 2012)**
 - ✓ Deployed to Yankee Range (Naval Air Station, Kingsville) in support of 147th Fighter Wing and 147th ASOS
 - ✓ Conducted Joint Air Attack Team 9-Line training with Air Force TACP personnel and F-16 aircrews
- **Defense Support to Civil Authorities Activities**
 - **Shuttle Columbia Recovery Support (2003)**
 - **Natural Disaster Support (2001-2008)**
 - ✓ Tropical Storm Allison (2001) - Personnel, Equipment and Staff support for flood rescue ongoing relief operations
 - ✓ Hurricane Katrina (2005) – Personnel, Equipment and Staff supported New Orleans evacuee relief operations
 - ✓ Hurricanes Rita (2005) and Ike (2008) – Supported EOC operations in Houston area





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- **Combat Training Centers**

- **CMTC – Combat Mission Training Center Validation (2003)**

- ✓ Deployed to Hohenfels, Germany for RSOI (Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration) into SFOR-13
 - ✓ Conducted Task Force validation (Task Force Warrior) comprised of one UH-60 and one AH-64 company
 - ✓ Conducted environmental and currency training before deploying into Bosnia-Herzegovina

- **NTC – National Training Center Support (2004)**

- ✓ Deployed to Fort Irwin, California in support of the 278th RCT (Regimental Combat Team) Mission Readiness Exercise
 - ✓ Conducted AH-64 operations in support of the NTC cadre to exercise and validate the rotational unit
 - ✓ Task Organization included both UH-60 Assault and AH-64 Attack aircraft, crews and maintainers

- **JRTC – Joint Readiness Training Center Support (2004)**

- ✓ Deployed to Fort Polk, Louisiana in support of the 39th BCT (Brigade Combat Team) Mission Readiness Exercise
 - ✓ Conducted AH-64 operations in support of the JRTC cadre to exercise and validate the rotational unit
 - ✓ Task Organization included UH-60 Assault, UH-60 MEDEVAC and AH-64 Attack aircraft, crews and maintainers

- **Typical Annual Training Activities**

- **Transcontinental Aerial Gunnery (2005, 2008, 2009)**

- ✓ Deployed to Gowen Field, Idaho to conduct annual aerial gunnery qualification IAW FM 3-04.140 Helicopter Gunnery
 - ✓ Coordinated line haul and commercial air contracting for equipment and personnel
 - ✓ Conducted 1200 mile self-deployment of AH-64, UH-60 and LUH-72 aircraft to/from Idaho

- **Fort Hood Annual Training (2012)**

- ✓ Deployed to Fort Hood in November, 2012 in support of B/1-149th ARB deployment to OEF 13 (Afghanistan)
 - ✓ Conducted aerial gunnery (Table VI, VII, VIII) qualification IAW FM 3-04.140 Helicopter Gunnery
 - ✓ Conducted team tables with 147th ASOS (Texas Air National Guard) JTAC personnel

- **Fort Hood Annual Training (2013)**

- ✓ Deployed to Fort Hood in support of 36th Infantry Division (National Guard)
 - ✓ Conducted Call-for-Fire, Close Combat Attack, Close Air Support/Joint Air Attack Team training
 - ✓ Conducted Air Assault security operations with Royal Singapore Air Force CH-47 aircrews and aircraft
 - ✓ Conducted Air Assault security operations with Texas ARNG UH-60 aircrews and aircraft
 - ✓ Conducted medical 9-Line and Casualty Evacuation operations with UH-60 MEDEVAC teams





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2006-2007 LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq



Mobilization and Deployment Activities

- **Task Organization**

- HHC, Co B/C (16 X AH-64A), Co D, Co E, 1-149th ARB (TXARNG)
- Troop E (8 X AH-64A), 1-104th CAV (MSARNG)
- Co A, 1-135th ARB (MOARNG)

- **Pre-Mobilization Training (April 2005-December 2005)**

- Individual Soldier/Aviator focused (MOS schools, aviator training and SRP)
- Aircraft modifications (CMWS, 701D Engines and IR Lighting) into July 2006

- **Post-Mobilization Training at Fort Hood (January 2006-July 2006)**

- 36th CAB (Brigade) MRX (July 2006) with Air Assault
- Battalion MRX (June 2006)
- Battalion Aerial Gunnery (3 X Attack Companies plus BN and BDE staff)
- Battalion Aviation Training Exercise (Fort Rucker using simulation devices)
- Green Training (FOB Ops, Convoy Ops, and Weapons Qualification)





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Combat Operations Summary

• Mission Summary

- Provided attack aviation to MNC-I, as a Corps level asset
- Supported Army BCTs and Marine Expeditionary Force in MND-W (Ar Ramadi)
- Provided attack aviation to British Coalition Partners in MND-CS (Al Basrah)
- Supported Attack Weapons Teams in Bagdad and MND-N during “Surge”
- Provided direct support to Special Operations to include over 78 Air Assaults



• Operational Statics

- Over 18,000 combat flying hours, 2,400 missions and 120 engagements
- Achieved 86% Operational Rate, **highest in the AH-64 fleet while deployed**
- Repaired 18 battle damaged aircraft

• Distinguished Awards

- Valorous Unit Award (equivalent to a Silver Star)
- 12 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 39 Air Medals for Valor and 140 Air Medals





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Significant Actions

- **Support of Ambushed Marine Platoon in Ar Ramadi (19 December 2006)**
 - Marine Platoon was ambushed and cut-off
 - Enemy was “danger close” and well concealed
 - AWT flew low to draw enemy fire and provide cover
 - AWT provided coverage until ground reinforcements arrived 8 hours later
- **Destroyed enemy anti-aircraft team in Ar Ramadi (04 March 2007)**
 - Enemy anti-aircraft set in a triangle ambush site attacked an AWT
 - AWT returned fire, destroyed a heavy machine gun and 10 Enemy KIA
 - Responding ground forces captured 5 enemy insurgents
- **Engagement in Ar Ramadi and transport of Wounded Soldier (30 June 2007)**
 - AWT supported 1-77th Armor’s attack on 20 insurgents guarding weapons
 - MEDEVAC was unable to transport critically wounded Soldier
 - Soldier was placed in front seat of an Apache for evacuation
 - Co-pilot attached himself to the fuselage
 - Pilot flew to the Ar Ramadi medical pad

